

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/866,385 filed on June 10, 2004. Claims 1-6, 14, 16 -27 are allowed. Claims 7, 8, and 10-13, are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 7, 8, and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilson *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,099,942). Claim 7 has been amended to include

"and the CCSs are based on weighted sums of connectivity errors experienced on the communication paths during an observation period".

These features are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art. Claims 8 and 10-13 depend from Claim 7 and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. Allowance of Claims 7, 8, and 10-13 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The application, including claims 1-8, 10-14, and 16-27, is believed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited. Should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 350-7301.

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